

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION**

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

4:17 P.M.

Room 326, House Office Building

Chairman Wenke called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward, Byrnes. (5/7)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Lipsey, Kehrl. (2/7)

Representative Ward moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2005 meeting.

Representative Byrnes supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Wenke laid **HB 4129** before the committee.

HB 4129 Mortimer Higher education; financial aid; student loan forgiveness program for new teachers in at-risk schools; provide for.

Representative Leslie Mortimer, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Peggy Johnson, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4129**.

Representative Emmons moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 4129**. **Representative Palmer** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward, Byrnes. (5/7)

NAYS: None. (0/7)

PASS: None. (0/7)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Emmons moved to report **HB 4129** as an **(H-1)** with recommendation.

Representative Palmer supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward. (4/7)

NAYS: None. (0/7)

PASS: Rep. Byrnes. (1/7)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Wenke laid **HB 5210** before the committee.

HB 5210 Steil Higher education; financial aid; notice to colleges of availability of teacher loan forgiveness program; require of department of education.

Representative Glenn Steil, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Representative Palmer moved to adopt the **(H-1)** substitute to **HB 5210**. **Representative Emmons** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward, Byrnes. (5/7)

NAYS: None. (0/7)

PASS: None. (0/7)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Palmer moved to report **HB 5210** as an **(H-1)** with recommendation. **Representative Ward** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Palmer, Ward, Byrnes. (5/7)

NAYS: None. (0/7)

PASS: None. (0/7)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Chairman Wenke laid **HB 4074** and **HB 5314** before the committee.

HB 4074	Caswell	Retirement; public school employees; definition of eligible employees; expand to include administrators or faculty employed at a community college on a part-time basis.
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HB 5314	Wenke	Retirement; college employees; removal from school retirement system; provide for.
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Richard Barclay, from the Michigan House Republican Policy Office, testified before the committee on **HB 4074** and **HB 5314**.

Chris DeRose, representing the Michigan Public School Retirement System, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4074** and **HB 5314**.

Representative Palmer moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Byrnes** supported the motion. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

Ellen Hoekstra, representing the Retirement Coordinating Council, International Union of Operating Engineers and AFI Michigan, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5314**.

Rusty Merchant, representing Grand Rapids Community College, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4074** and **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

Brendan Ringlever, representing the Michigan Community College Association, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4074** and **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

Patricia Spitzley, representing Washtenaw Community College, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

Nadine Nosal, representing the International Union, UAW, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

Ken Fletcher, representing the Michigan American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

Kim Rhead, representing the Michigan Association of Retired School Employees, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5314** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **5:00 p.m.**

Representative Lorence Wenke, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070